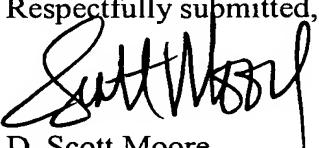


REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include a "Related Applications" section, which states that the present application is a 35 U.S.C. §371 national phase application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP2004052204 and claims priority to the identified European and U.S. patent applications. The claims as published in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability have been amended to better conform to U.S. practice.

Please enter this amendment prior to calculating the fee in this case. Applicant respectfully requests substantive examination on the merits.

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